Amendment in the recruitment rules for group D' posts in Southern Railway

756. SHRI VALAMPURI JOHN: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that circular No. E(NG)"III|84|RR1[26 dated the 16th August, 1985 of recruitment to Group 'D' posts prescribing minimum educational qualifications, has been amended by the Southern Railway Administration without the knowledge and concurrence of the Railway Board; and

(b) whether Government propose to withdraw the circular which affects recruitment to group 'D' posts on compassionate ground and categories of physically handicapped, sportsmen and Scheduled Castes and Scheduled tribes?

THE MINISTER OP STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(|b) Certain Clariftoatory Instructions have been issued but there is no proposal to withdraw the circular dated 16-8-1985. Incidentally, a petition has been filed in the Supreme Court for setting aside the prescription of new qualifications by the Railway Board's circular dated 16-8-1985 for recruitment to Group 'D' (Class IV) posts in the Railways. It is still pending for hearing and final disposal.

Sample testing of Mebandazole

757. DR. JOSEPH LEON D'SOUZA:
SHRIMATI MAIMOONA SULTAN:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had drawn sample of imported mebandazole for testing during the last three years;

(b) if so, the number of samples drawn; what were the details of test reports;

(c) whether it is a fact that mebandazole which is being imported is of different quality;

(d) what was the total quantity imported in the country during last three years;

(e) whether it is also a fact that mebandazole is being produced indigenously; and

(f) if so, the detailg thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) to (c) The information will be gathered and placed before the House.

(d) The total quantity of Mebandazole imported during the last three years is given below;

Year	Quantity
1983-84	1200 Kgs
1984-85	500 Kgs
1985-86	1980 Kgs

(e) and (f) Indigenous Production of Mebtndazole from 1980-81 to 1984-85 is given below (in terms of tanas) tones):

	1980-81	1981-82	1982-83	1983-84	1984-85
Organised Sector . . .	1.39	2.70	4.92	6.62	9.16
Small Scale	3.11	8.33	8.90	8.88	11.32
TOTAL :	4.50	11.03	13.82	15.50	20.48